

This is yet another piece of proposed legislation that would have an adverse impact on emergency scenes as we know it today. The verbiage in this proposed bill would create an operational issue as to who is actually in command at a fire or EMS incident when the fire service is involved.

Presently, the on-site Incident Commander is the Fire Chief. The Incident Commander takes in all of the information at an emergency scene and acts to it in the best interest of mitigating the emergency. The Incident Commander works with the responding EMS first responders and transporting team (ambulance) to make sure the scene is safe, assisting with extricating or moving a patient from a vehicle or a house into the transporting vehicle.

At that time, the transporting vehicle may ask the patient what hospital they want to go to depending on the severity of the injuries, distance, etc.

In any operation, there must be a sole commander to make the decision.

Based on the verbiage of this proposed bill, we would end up with two which could have a detrimental impact on setting up an action plan to cover the incident.

At this time I am asking you to "not support" this bill as written.

Please call or email me with any questions that you may have on this.

There were 101 Line of Duty Deaths in 2013

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